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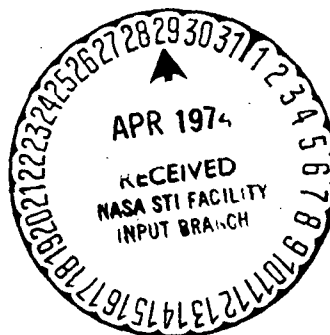
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## LIST OF SYMBOLS

| <u>Symbol</u> | <u>Definition</u>  |
|---------------|--|
| F             | Thrust   |
| h             | Keplerian energy   |
| m             | Vehicle mass   |
| r             | Radius   |
| s             | Regularized time, independent variable   |
| t             | Time   |
| u             | Velocity component in radius direction   |
| v             | Velocity component in circumferential direction  |
| $\bar{v}$     | Velocity vector  |
| x             | Variable in general  |
| A,B           | Functions of $\tau_e$ , the slow time variable only, related to the first order solution of r, u |
| E,F           | Functions of $\tau_e$ only, related to the second order solution of r, u                         |
| H             | Function of $\tau_e$ related to h  |
| R             | Function of $\tau_e$ related to r  |
| V             | Function of $\tau_e$ related to v  |
| C,K           | Constants  |

### Greek Symbols

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| $\alpha$   | Path angle   |
| $\beta$    | Mass flow rate, $\dot{m}$                          |
| $\epsilon$ | Thrusting acceleration, $\epsilon = \frac{F}{m_i}$ |

## LIST OF SYMBOLS (Concluded)

| <u>Symbol</u>   | <u>Definition</u>   |
|-----------------|---|
| $\varphi$       | Central angle   |
| $\phi$          | Function of $\tau_\epsilon$ only, related to $\varphi$  |
| $\mu$           | Gravitational parameter $\mu = GM$ with $G$ the gravitational constant and $M$ the mass of the central body |
| $\omega$        | Function of $\tau_\epsilon$ in definition equation of $\tau$  |
| $\tau$          | Fast time scale   |
| $\tau_\epsilon$ | Slow time scale   |

### Subscripts

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| $i$        | Initial   |
| $\epsilon$ | Slow time variable in combination with $\tau_\epsilon$          |
| $1$        | Partial derivative with respect to $\tau_\epsilon$              |
| $2$        | Partial derivative with respect to $\tau$ , the fast time scale |

### Superscripts

|      |  |
|------|--|
| (i)  | $i = 0, 1, 2$ ; the order of the solution  |
| s, t | Left-hand superscript s or t indicates the independent variable to which the dependent variable is related |

### Other Symbols

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| $\bar{a}$                     | Indicates $a$ as vector                      |
| $ \bar{a} $                   | Absolute value of vector $a$                 |
| $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ | Partial derivative with respect to $x$       |
| $a'$                          | Prime denotes derivative with respect to $s$ |

ASYMPTOTIC SOLUTION TO THE TANGENTIAL LOW THRUST  
ENERGY INCREASE TRAJECTORY

I. INTRODUCTION

A spacecraft, equipped with a low-thrust constant acceleration propulsion device, ascending from an initial circular orbit around a spherical central body describes a spiral orbit. To determine the radius vector and velocity of the spacecraft at any time, the equations of motion need to be integrated numerically, even in the case of a tangential thrust steering program which is considered in this study. It is well-known [1] that for energy increase trajectories, the tangential thrust steering is very close to the optimal steering program, especially in the inner, multirevolution part of the spiral trajectory, which is characterized by the acting of a small force on a space vehicle in the presence of a strong gravitational field. With the absence of any other perturbing force, nearly Keplerian orbit conditions exist locally. The deviations between the optimal and the tangential thrust trajectories arise in the outer part on which the vehicle moves from near circular conditions to parabolic velocity and the gravitational force drops to the same order of magnitude as the thrust.

To gain some experience in performing the analysis of a very accurate analytical approximate solution of the optimal trajectory, the tangential thrust trajectory offers a very good simplified problem, since it possesses all the main characteristics of the optimal solution.

In the literature, a number of analytical approximations of the optimal trajectory are presented, and many are available that consider the tangential thrust trajectory [2,3]. The method used herein to derive a solution for the tangential thrust trajectory follows those of Reference 2. The basic method is described by Cole and Kevorkian [4] based on previous work of Linstedt and Poincaré [5,6]. However, formulation of the equation of motion using regularized variables, as presented in Reference 1, allows one to derive an extremely accurate second order solution using a very simple analysis.

As will be shown in Section IV, in comparison to numerically calculated tangential thrust trajectories, the analytical solution derived is extremely accurate. The accuracy decreases with time, which indicates that in addition to the basic characteristic limitations previously discussed, accuracy requirements will determine the limits of the applicability of the solution presented.

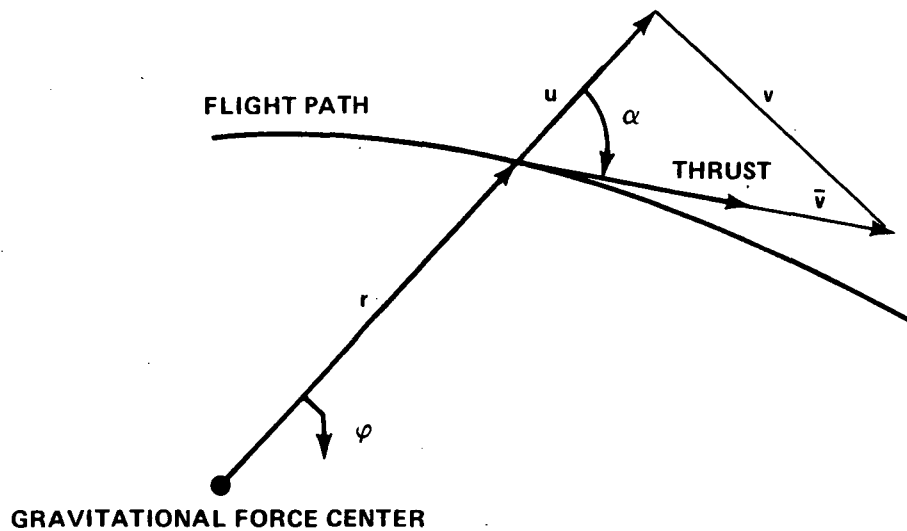
For  $\epsilon \leq 0.001$ , the solution for all of the state variables gives at least three-digit accuracy, up to an energy level close to escape. The solution fails to describe the trajectory near escape.

Sections II and III contain the derivation of the solution which is summarized in Section III.E. Section IV shows an alternate time approximation. The solution is discussed in Section V.

## II. MATHEMATICAL FORMULATION

The ascent of a spacecraft is considered from an initial circular orbit around a spherical planet. The vehicle is described by a point mass and is equipped with a low-thrust constant acceleration engine. The engine produces a small continuous thrusting force. No other perturbations are present. The trajectory is considered as planar.

The following figure shows the definitions of symbols used for the mathematical description of the spacecraft motion.



The equations of motion are formulated as follows:

$$r' = u$$

$$\varphi' = v/r$$

$$u' = \mu + 2hr + \epsilon r^2 \frac{u}{|\bar{v}|}$$

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$$v' = \epsilon r^2 \frac{v}{|\bar{v}|}$$

$$h' = \epsilon |\bar{v}|$$

$$t' = r$$

(1)  
(Concluded)

with the absolute value of the vehicle velocity

$$|\bar{v}| = \sqrt{u^2 + v^2} \quad , \quad (2)$$

and the thrust to mass ratio

$$\epsilon = F/m \quad . \quad (3)$$

The acceleration is considered as constant,

$$\epsilon = \text{constant} \quad . \quad (4)$$

Using the initial orbit as a scaling system, the initial conditions are

$$r(s = 0) = r(0) = 1$$

$$\varphi(s = 0) = \varphi(0) = 0$$

$$u(s = 0) = u(0) = 0$$

$$v(s = 0) = v(0) = 1$$

$$h(s = 0) = h(0) = -0.5$$

$$t(s = 0) = t(0) = 0$$

(5)

Equation system (1) together with definition equations (2) and (3) and the boundary conditions (5) describe the tangential thrust spiral orbit of a low-thrust space vehicle. In this particular formulation, the energy  $h$  is used as an additional (or redundant) variable.

The independent variable  $s$  is defined by the last equation of system (1). (For detailed information, see Reference 1.)

Although the system (1) cannot be solved analytically, the solution can be approximated by use of a two-variable expansion procedure. The variables will be evaluated by an asymptotic expansion in powers of the small parameter  $\epsilon$ ,

$$x = x^{(0)} + \epsilon x^{(1)} + \epsilon^2 x^{(2)} + \epsilon^3 x^{(3)} + O(\epsilon^4) \quad , \quad (6)$$

with  $x$  in equation (6) indicating any variable.

In addition, the variables are considered as functions of two new independent variables defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_\epsilon &= \epsilon s \\ \tau &= \int_0^s \omega(\tau_\epsilon) d\sigma \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

The derivatives of equations (7) with respect to the independent variables are

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_\epsilon' &= \epsilon \\ \tau_\epsilon^{(n)} &= 0 \\ \tau' &= \omega(\tau_\epsilon) \\ \tau^{(n)} &= \epsilon^n \frac{\partial^{n-1} \omega}{\partial \tau_\epsilon^{n-1}} \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

with  $n \geq 2$ . The derivations of a variable with respect to the new independent variables follow therefrom:

$$\begin{aligned}
x' &= x_1 \tau_\epsilon' + x_2 \tau' = \epsilon x_1 + \omega(\tau_\epsilon) x_2 \\
x'' &= x_{11} (\tau_\epsilon')^2 + x_{22} (\tau')^2 + x_2 \tau'' = \epsilon^2 x_{11} + \omega^2 x_{22} + \epsilon^2 \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial \tau_\epsilon} x_2
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

The subscripts 1 and 2 denote the partial derivatives defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
x_1 &= \frac{\partial x}{\partial \tau_\epsilon} \\
x_2 &= \frac{\partial x}{\partial \tau} \\
x_{11} &= \frac{\partial^2 x}{\partial \tau_\epsilon^2} \\
x_{22} &= \frac{\partial^2 x}{\partial \tau^2} \\
x_{12} &= \frac{\partial^2 x}{\partial \tau_\epsilon \partial \tau}
\end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

To derive an asymptotic solution of equations (1), the independent variable of the system is transformed to the two independent variables defined by equations (7). After expanding the right side of equations (1) using power series of the variables as given in equation (6), collecting terms of the same power of  $\epsilon$  will lead to sets of partial differential equations whose solution is given in Section III.

### III. ASYMPTOTIC EXPANSION SOLUTION

#### A. Base or Zero Order Solution

Performing as stated in Section II will lead to the following zero order differential equations:

$$\begin{aligned}
\omega r_2^{(0)} &= u^{(0)} \\
\omega \varphi_2^{(0)} &= v^{(0)}/r^{(0)} \\
\omega u_2^{(0)} &= 1 + 2h^{(0)} r^{(0)} \\
\omega v_2^{(0)} &= 0 \\
\omega h_2^{(0)} &= 0 \\
\omega t_2^{(0)} &= r^{(0)}
\end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

with boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned}
r^{(0)}(0,0) &= 1 \\
\varphi^{(0)}(0,0) &= 0 \\
u^{(0)}(0,0) &= 0 \\
v^{(0)}(0,0) &= 1 \\
h^{(0)}(0,0) &= -0.5 \\
t^{(0)}(0,0) &= 0
\end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Instead of using the complete solution of systems (11) and (12) describing a generalized Keplerian solution of the equations of motion without thrust, a partial solution is used as a base solution as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
r^{(0)} &= R^{(0)}(\tau_\epsilon) \\
\varphi^{(0)} &= \omega^{-1} V^{(0)} R^{(0)-1} \tau + \phi^{(0)}(\tau_\epsilon) \\
u^{(0)} &= 0
\end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

$$v^{(0)} = V^{(0)}(\tau_\epsilon)$$

$$h^{(0)} = H^{(0)}(\tau_\epsilon)$$

$$t^{(0)} = R^{(0)} \omega^{-1} \tau + T^{(0)}(\tau_\epsilon)$$

(13)  
(Concluded)

Inserting this solution into equations (11) will give

$$H^{(0)} = -[2R^{(0)}]^{-1} \quad (14)$$

The capital letters denote unknown functions of the slow variable  $\tau_\epsilon$  only; i.e., constants with respect to an integration over the fast variable  $\tau$ . They are determinable by removing secular  $\tau$ -terms due to the asymptotic expansion from the first order solution and by satisfying the boundary conditions (12).

### B. First Order Solution

The first order differential equations derived are

$$\omega r_2^{(1)} = -R_1^{(0)} + u^{(1)}$$

$$\omega \varphi_2^{(1)} = -\varphi_1^{(0)} + v^{(1)}/R^{(0)} - V^{(0)}r^{(1)}/R^{(0)^2}$$

$$\omega u_2^{(1)} = 2[R^{(0)}h^{(1)} + H^{(0)}r^{(1)}]$$

(15)

$$\omega v_2^{(1)} = -V_1^{(0)} + R^{(0)^2}$$

$$\omega h_2^{(1)} = -H_1^{(0)} + V^{(0)}$$

$$\omega t_2^{(1)} = -t_1^{(0)} + r^{(1)}$$

with boundary conditions

$$r^{(1)}(0,0) = 0$$

(16)

$$\varphi^{(1)}(0,0) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
u^{(1)}(0,0) &= 0 \\
v^{(1)}(0,0) &= 0 \\
h^{(1)}(0,0) &= 0 \\
t^{(1)}(0,0) &= 0
\end{aligned}
\tag{16}$$

(Concluded)

Because the right side of the velocity component  $v$  and energy equations are independent of  $\tau$ , it follows that

$$v^{(1)} = [-V_1^{(0)} + R^{(0)^2}] \tau + V^{(1)}(\tau_e) \tag{17}$$

and

$$h^{(1)} = [-H_1^{(0)} + V^{(0)}] \tau + H^{(1)}(\tau_e) \tag{18}$$

To determine  $H^{(0)}$ ,  $R^{(0)}$ , and  $V^{(0)}$ , the secular terms in equations (17) and (18) will be removed:

$$-V_1^{(0)} + R^{(0)^2} = 0 \tag{19}$$

and

$$-H_1^{(0)} + V^{(0)} = 0 \tag{20}$$

Using equation (14) we find from equations (19) and (20) that

$$V^{(0)^2} = R^{(0)} \tag{21}$$

and

$$R_1^{(0)} = 2 R^{(0)5/2}, \quad (22)$$

and integration of equation (22) gives

$$R^{(0)} = (1 - 3\tau_\epsilon)^{-2/3}. \quad (23)$$

The derived functions for  $H^{(0)}$ ,  $R^{(0)}$ , and  $V^{(0)}$  fulfill the boundary conditions (12).

With the convenient choice of

$$\omega(\tau_\epsilon) = R^{(0)-1/2}, \quad (24)$$

the solution of the remaining equations (15) follows:

$$r^{(1)} = A \sin \tau + B \cos \tau + 2 R^{(0)2} H^{(1)}, \quad (25)$$

$$u^{(1)} = R^{(0)-1/2} (A \cos \tau - B \sin \tau) + 2 R^{(0)5/2}, \quad (26)$$

$$t^{(1)} = -3 R^{(0)7/2} \tau^2/2 - R^{(0)1/2} (A \cos \tau - B \sin \tau) + T^{(1)}(\tau_\epsilon), \quad (27)$$

and

$$\varphi^{(1)} = -R^{(0)-1} (-A \cos \tau + B \sin \tau) + \phi^{(1)}(\tau_\epsilon). \quad (28)$$

Removing secular  $\tau$ -terms from equations (27) and (28) gives

$$\phi_1^{(0)} = V^{(1)}/R^{(0)} - 2 R^{(0)1/2} H^{(1)} \quad (29)$$

and

$$T_1^{(0)} = -2 R^{(0)2} H^{(1)} \quad (30)$$

Consequently, a complete base solution is dependent on  $H^{(1)}$ , which (as well as  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $T^{(1)}$ ,  $\phi^{(1)}$ , and  $V^{(1)}$ ) may be determined from the second order solution.

The two independent variables, using equation (24), are now

$$\tau_{\epsilon} = \epsilon s \quad (31)$$

and

$$\tau = \int_0^s \omega(t_{\epsilon}) d\sigma = \int_0^s R^{(0)-1/2} d\sigma = \frac{1}{4\epsilon} [1 - R^{(0)-2}] \quad (32)$$

### C. Second Order Solution

The second order differential equations are

$$\begin{aligned} \omega r_2^{(2)} &= -r_1^{(1)} + u^{(2)} \\ \omega \varphi_2^{(2)} &= -\varphi_1^{(1)} + R^{(0)-1} V^{(2)} - R^{(0)-3/2} r^{(2)} - R^{(0)-2} r^{(1)} v^{(1)} + R^{(0)-5/2} r^{(1)2} \\ \omega u_2^{(2)} &= -u_1^{(1)} + 2H^{(0)} r^{(2)} + 2R^{(0)} h^{(2)} + 2r^{(1)} h^{(1)} + R^{(0)3/2} u^{(1)} \\ \omega v_2^{(2)} &= -V_1^{(1)} + 2R^{(0)} r^{(1)} \\ \omega h_2^{(2)} &= -h_1^{(1)} + v^{(1)} \\ \omega t_2^{(2)} &= -t_1^{(1)} + r^{(2)} \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

with boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned} r^{(2)}(0,0) &= 0 \\ \varphi^{(2)}(0,0) &= 0 \\ u^{(2)}(0,0) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$



$$\begin{aligned}
v^{(2)}(0,0) &= 0 \\
h^{(2)}(0,0) &= 0 \\
t^{(2)}(0,0) &= 0
\end{aligned}
\tag{34}$$

(Concluded)

To solve this set of equations we start again with the energy and v-equations

$$v^{(2)} = 2 R^{(0)3/2} (-A \cos \tau + B \sin \tau) + V^{(2)}(\tau_\epsilon) \tag{35}$$

and

$$h^{(2)} = H^{(2)}(\tau_\epsilon) \tag{36}$$

By removing improper secular  $\tau$ -terms from equations (35) and (36) we get a differential equation for  $H^{(1)}$

$$H_{11}^{(1)} + 4 R^{(0)3} H^{(1)} = 0 \tag{37}$$

with boundary conditions

$$H^{(1)}(\tau_\epsilon = 0) = V^{(1)}(\tau_\epsilon = 0) = H_1^{(1)}(\tau_\epsilon = 0) = 0$$

Solving equation (37) and obeying the boundary conditions gives

$$H^{(1)} = V^{(1)} = 0 \tag{38}$$

This gives

$$T^{(0)} = \phi^{(0)} = 0 \tag{39}$$

Consequently, a complete zero order solution is known. Equations (15) will be simplified by removing terms which contain  $H^{(1)}$  or  $V^{(1)}$ .

A second order differential equation for the radius is derived from the first equation of system (33) as

$$r_{22}^{(2)} = - R^{(0)1/2} r_{12}^{(1)} + R^{(0)1/2} u_2^{(2)} \quad (40)$$

with

$$r_{12}^{(1)} = A_1 \cos \tau - B_1 \sin \tau \quad (41)$$

and

$$u_1^{(1)} = R^{(0)-1/2} (A_1 \cos \tau - B_1 \sin \tau) - R^{(0)}(A \cos \tau - B \sin \tau) + 10 R^{(0)4}, \quad (42)$$

and the third equation from system (33) with equation (40),

$$\begin{aligned} r_{22}^{(2)} + r^{(2)} = & - [-2 R^{(0)1/2} B_1 + 2 R^{(0)2} B] \sin \tau - [2 R^{(0)1/2} A_1 - 2 R^{(0)2} A] \cos \tau \\ & + 2 R^{(0)2} H^{(2)} - 8 R^{(0)5} \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

The solution, from which the secular  $\tau$ -terms are removed, is

$$r^{(2)} = E \sin \tau + F \cos \tau - 8 R^{(0)5} + 2 R^{(0)2} H^{(2)} \quad (44)$$

The removal of the secular  $\tau$ -terms of the solution of equation (43) gives the following differential equations for the functions  $A(\tau_e)$  and  $B(\tau_e)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} B_1 &= R^{(0)3/2} B \\ A_1 &= R^{(0)3/2} A \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

with boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned} B(0) &= 0 \\ A(0) &= -2 \end{aligned} \tag{46}$$

derived from equations (25) and (26) with

$$r^{(1)}(0,0) = u^{(1)}(0,0) = 0$$

The solution of equations (45) and (46) gives

$$\begin{aligned} A &= -2 R^{(0)1/2} \\ B &= 0 \end{aligned} \tag{47}$$

The component of the velocity in radius direction  $u^{(2)}$  follows as

$$u^{(2)} = [-2 R^{(0)2} - R^{(0)-1/2} F] \sin \tau + [R^{(0)-1/2} E] \cos \tau, \tag{48}$$

and

$$t^{(2)} = [R^{(0)1/2} F - 4 R^{(0)3}] \sin \tau - R^{(0)1/2} E \cos \tau + \frac{7}{2} R^{(0)11/2} \tau^3 + T^{(2)}(\tau_\epsilon); \tag{49}$$

the removed secular terms show that  $T^{(1)}$  is dependent on  $H^{(2)}$  as

$$T_1^{(1)} = -8 R^{(0)5} + 2 R^{(0)2} H^{(2)} \tag{50}$$

The second order term of the central angle is derivable from the second equation of system (33)

$$\varphi^{(2)} = [2 R^{(0)3/2} - 4 R^{(0)2} - R^{(0)} F] \sin \tau + R^{(0)} E \cos \tau - R^{(0)3/2} \sin 2\tau + \phi^{(2)}(\tau_\epsilon) \tag{51}$$

and similar to equation (50) follows

$$\phi_1^{(1)} = 8 R^{(0)1/2} + 2 R^{(0)} - 2 R^{(0)5/2} H^{(2)} + R^{(0)-1/2} V^{(2)} \quad (52)$$

Equations (50) and (52) show that the derivation of a complete first order solution is dependent on  $H^{(2)}$  and  $V^{(2)}$ .

#### D. Determination of Second Order Constants

The unknown constants of the second order solution are  $E$ ,  $F$ ,  $H^{(2)}$ ,  $V^{(2)}$ ,  $\phi^{(2)}$ , and  $T^{(2)}$ . Furthermore,  $H^{(2)}$  and  $V^{(2)}$  determine  $\phi^{(1)}$  and  $T^{(1)}$  from the first order solution. To determine these constants, it is not necessary to solve the third order equations completely; we need only to determine the secular  $\tau$ -terms of this solution.

The third order differential equations are

$$\begin{aligned} \omega r_2^{(3)} &= -r_1^{(2)} + u^{(3)} \\ \omega \varphi_2^{(3)} &= -\varphi_1^{(2)} + R^{(0)-1} v^{(3)} - R^{(0)-3/2} r^{(3)} + 2 R^{(0)-5/2} r^{(1)} r^{(2)} - R^{(0)-2} v^{(2)} r^{(1)} \\ \omega u_2^{(3)} &= -u_1^{(2)} + 2 H^{(0)} r^{(3)} + 2 R^{(0)} h^{(3)} + 2 h^{(2)} r^{(1)} + R^{(0)3/2} u^{(2)} \\ &\quad + 2 R^{(0)1/2} r^{(1)} u^{(1)} \\ \omega v_2^{(3)} &= -v_1^{(2)} - \frac{1}{2} R^{(0)} u^{(1)2} + 2 R^{(0)} r^{(2)} + r^{(1)2} \\ \omega h_2^{(3)} &= -h_1^{(2)} + v^{(2)} + \frac{1}{2} R^{(0)-1/2} u^{(1)2} \\ \omega t_2^{(3)} &= -t_1^{(2)} + r^{(3)} \end{aligned} \quad (53)$$

The boundary conditions for equations (53) are

$$\begin{aligned} r^{(3)}(0,0) &= 0 \\ \varphi^{(3)}(0,0) &= 0 \\ u^{(3)}(0,0) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (54)$$

$$v^{(3)}(0,0) = 0$$

$$h^{(3)}(0,0) = 0$$

$$t^{(3)}(0,0) = 0$$

(54)  
(Concluded)

Considering the energy equation we get with

$$\begin{aligned} u^{(1)2} &= 4 \cos^2 \tau - 8 R^{(0)5/2} \cos \tau + 4 R^{(0)5} \\ h_1^{(2)} &= H_1^{(2)} \end{aligned} \quad (55)$$

the third order energy term,

$$h^{(3)} = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\tau + H^{(3)}(\tau_\epsilon) \quad (56)$$

and collecting improper secular  $\tau$ -terms yields

$$H_1^{(2)} = V^{(2)} + R^{(0)-1/2} + 2 R^{(0)9/2} \quad (57)$$

Similarly, the equation for  $v^{(3)}$  gives for the secular part,

$$V_1^{(2)} = -R^{(0)} - 2 R^{(0)6} - 16 R^{(0)6} + 4 R^{(0)3} H^{(2)} + 2 R^{(0)} \quad (58)$$

Differentiating equation (57) gives a second order differential equation for  $H^{(2)}$ ,

$$H_{11}^{(2)} - 4 R^{(0)3} H^{(2)} = 0 \quad (59)$$

With the boundary conditions derived from equations (34), (35), and (36),

$$\begin{aligned} H^{(2)}(0) &= 0 \\ H_1^{(2)}(0) &= -1 \end{aligned} \quad (60)$$

the solution of equation (59) is

$$H^{(2)} = C R^{(0)-2} + K R^{(0)-1/2} \quad (61)$$

With the boundary conditions (60) we will find

$$\begin{aligned} C &= \frac{1}{5} \\ K &= -\frac{1}{5} \end{aligned} \quad (62)$$

Consequently it follows that

$$H^{(2)} = \frac{1}{5} [-R^{(0)-1/2} + R^{(0)-2}] \quad (63)$$

and from equation (54) it follows that

$$V^{(2)} = -\frac{4}{5} R^{(0)-1/2} - \frac{1}{5} R^{(0)2} - 2 R^{(0)9/2} - R^{(0)1/2} \quad (64)$$

With a knowledge of  $H^{(2)}$  and  $V^{(2)}$  a complete first order solution is known. To determine  $E$  and  $F$ , derive from the radius equation of equation (53), as similarly done for  $r^{(2)}$ ,

$$r_{22}^{(3)} = -R^{(0)1/2} r_{12}^{(2)} + u_2^{(2)} R^{(0)1/2} \quad (65)$$

with

$$r_{12}^{(2)} = E_1 \cos \tau - F_1 \sin \tau \quad (66)$$

and  $u_2^{(3)}$  defined by the third equation of equation (53) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
r_{22}^{(3)} + r^{(3)} = & - R^{(0)1/2} (E_1 \cos \tau - F_1 \sin \tau) \\
& - R^{(0)} [-8 R^{(0)7/2} + R^{(0)} F - R^{(0)-1/2} F_1] \sin \tau \\
& + [-R^{(0)} E + R^{(0)-1/2} E_1] \cos \tau + 2 R^{(0)2} h^{(3)} \\
& + 2 R^{(0)} h^{(2)} r^{(1)} + R^{(0)5/2} u^{(2)} + 2 R^{(0)3/2} r^{(1)} u^{(1)}
\end{aligned} \tag{67}$$

Collecting secular terms of  $\tau$  after integration of (67) gives

$$E_1 = R^{(0)3/2} E \tag{68}$$

or

$$E = C R^{(0)1/2}, \tag{69}$$

and from equation (48), using

$$h^{(2)}(0,0) = 0, \quad C = 0, \tag{70}$$

we obtain

$$E = 0 \tag{71}$$

For  $F$  we will find

$$F_1 = R^{(0)3/2} F + R^{(0)4} + 2 R^{(0)} H^{(2)} \tag{72}$$

with the solution using equation (63) being

$$F = \frac{1}{4} R^{(0)5/2} + \frac{2}{5} - \frac{1}{15} R^{(0)-7/2} + R^{(0)1/2} \frac{85}{12}, \tag{73}$$

whereby the boundary condition,

$$F(0) = 8 \quad , \quad (74)$$

is derived from equation (44) with the use of  $r^{(2)}(0,0) = 0$ .

From equations (50), (52), (63), and (64) we find, obeying boundary conditions,

$$T^{(1)} = \frac{8}{7} [1 - R^{(0)7/2}] - \frac{2}{25} [1 - R^{(0)5/2}] + \frac{1}{5} [1 - R^{(0)}] - 2 \quad (75)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^{(1)} = & -\frac{4}{25} R^{(0)-5/2} - \frac{1}{5} R^{(0)-3/2} - \frac{1}{5} R^{(0)-1} - 2 R^{(0)-1/2} - \frac{2}{15} R^{(0)3/2} - \frac{2}{5} R^{(0)-5/2} \\ & + R^{(0)4} - \frac{1}{10} \ln(R^{(0)}) + \frac{7}{75} \end{aligned} \quad (76)$$

To derive a complete second order solution for the time  $t$  and the central angle  $\varphi$ , it would be necessary to evaluate a complete third order solution from equations (53) and to determine the unknown functions out of the fourth order differential equations. However, looking at the solution so far derived, it seems reasonable to neglect the functions  $T^{(2)}$  and  $\phi^{(2)}$  in comparison with the unbounded terms of  $\tau$ .  $T^{(2)}$  and  $\phi^{(2)}$  are only chosen to fulfill the boundary conditions

$$\phi^{(2)} = 0$$

and

$$T^{(2)} = 0$$

### E. Summarized Solution

In this subsection, the derived solution is collected. The independent variables are calculated as



$$\begin{aligned}\tau_\epsilon &= \epsilon s \\ \tau &= \frac{1}{4\epsilon} [1 - R^{(0)-2}]\end{aligned}\tag{77}$$

with

$$\epsilon = \frac{F}{m} = \text{constant} \quad ,\tag{78}$$

and

$$R^{(0)} = (1 - 3 \tau_\epsilon)^{-2/3}\tag{79}$$

is the base solution for the radius of the spiral orbit. The variables of the orbit are approximately

$$\begin{aligned}r &= R^{(0)} + \epsilon [-2 R^{(0)1/2} \sin \tau] + \epsilon^2 \left\{ F \cos \tau - 8 R^{(0)5} - \frac{2}{5} [R^{(0)5/2} - 1] \right\} \\ u &= \epsilon [-2 \cos \tau + 2 R^{(0)5/2}] + \epsilon^2 \left\{ [-R^{(0)-1/2} F - 2 R^{(0)2}] \sin \tau \right\} \\ v &= R^{(0)1/2} + \epsilon^2 \left[ 4 R^{(0)2} \cos \tau - \frac{4}{5} R^{(0)-1/2} - R^{(0)1/2} - \frac{1}{5} R^{(0)2} - 2 R^{(0)9/2} \right] \\ h &= -[2R^{(0)}]^{-1} + \epsilon^2 \left[ \frac{1}{5} R^{(0)-2} - \frac{1}{5} R^{(0)1/2} \right] \\ \varphi &= \tau + \epsilon [2 R^{(0)-1/2} \cos \tau + \phi^{(1)}] + \epsilon^2 \left\{ [2 R^{(0)3/2} - 4 R^{(0)2} - R^{(0)} F] \sin \tau \right. \\ &\quad \left. - R^{(0)3/2} \sin 2\tau \right\} \\ t &= R^{(0)3/2} \tau + \epsilon [-3 R^{(0)7/2} \tau^2/2 + 2 R^{(0)} \cos \tau + T^{(1)}] \\ &\quad + \epsilon^2 \left\{ \frac{7}{2} R^{(0)11/2} \tau^3 + [R^{(0)1/2} F - 4 R^{(0)3}] \sin \tau \right\}\end{aligned}\tag{80}$$

where  $T^{(1)}$  and  $\phi^{(1)}$  are defined by equations (75) and (76) and  $F$  is defined by equation (73).

#### IV. AN ALTERNATE METHOD TO DETERMINE T

In the case  $\epsilon = \text{constant}$  as considered here, we know from equation (1) that

$$t = \int_0^s r(s) ds \quad (81)$$

Equation (81) is an independent equation. Hence, with the approximate solution for  $r[\tau_\epsilon(s), \tau(s)]$  derived, we will be able to find  $t$  as follows:

$$t \approx \int_0^s R^{(0)} ds - 2\epsilon \int_0^s R^{(0)1/2} \sin \tau ds \quad (82)$$

With equations (23), (31), and (32) we determine the derivatives

$$\frac{dR^{(0)}}{ds} = 2\epsilon R^{(0)5/2} \quad (83)$$

and

$$\frac{dt}{dR^{(0)}} = \frac{1}{2\epsilon R^{(0)3}} \quad (84)$$

and in a straightforward manner, we solve the first integral from equation (82),

$$\int R^{(0)} ds = \frac{1}{\epsilon} [1 - R^{(0)-1/2}] \quad (85)$$

From two successive partial integrations of the second integral of equation (82), we determine

$$-2\epsilon \int_0^s R^{(0)1/2} \sin \tau ds = 2\epsilon [R^{(0)} \cos \tau - 1] - 4\epsilon^2 R^{(0)3} \sin \tau + O(\epsilon^3) \quad (86)$$

or

$$t = \frac{1}{\epsilon} [1 - R^{(0)^{-1/2}}] + 2\epsilon [R^{(0)} \sin \tau - 1] - 4\epsilon^2 R^{(0)^3} \sin \tau + O(\epsilon^3) \quad (87)$$

In numerical investigations, it was found that  $t$  determined with equation (87) is much more accurate than  $t$  calculated with the aid of equations (80).

## V. SOLUTION ANALYSIS

### A. Solution Characteristics

Because of the regularizing transformation, the relationship between the velocity  $s_v$  calculated dependent on  $s$  and the natural velocity  $t_v$  dependent on  $t$  is

$$s_v = v(s) = rv(t) = r t_v \quad (88)$$

Obeying equation (88), the zero order solution derived corresponds to the standard circular asymptotic solution of spiral type trajectories,

$$r^{(0)}(\tau_\epsilon, \tau) \cdot t_v^{(0)^2}(\tau_\epsilon, \tau) = 1 \quad (89)$$

As seen from the differential equations of motion (1), the thrusting terms are of the first order. It follows therefrom that the zero order solution will also match the expansion solution of the optimal thrust trajectory. The difference between tangential and optimal thrust appears in the first order terms which show similar characteristics; i.e., oscillations with slowly varying phase, frequency, and amplitude.

The formulation of the equations of motion used causes all variables to steadily increase in value with superimposed oscillation. Figure 1 shows as an example for  $\epsilon = 0.001$  the behavior of the radius  $r$  and the energy  $h$  over the first few revolutions of the trajectory. The regularizing transformation corresponds to a scaling of the time history of the motion. Figure 2 shows the relationship between the regularized scaled time and the physically scaled time for  $\epsilon = 0.001$ . Using the energy  $h$  as an additional state variable simplifies the analysis of the expansion considerably.

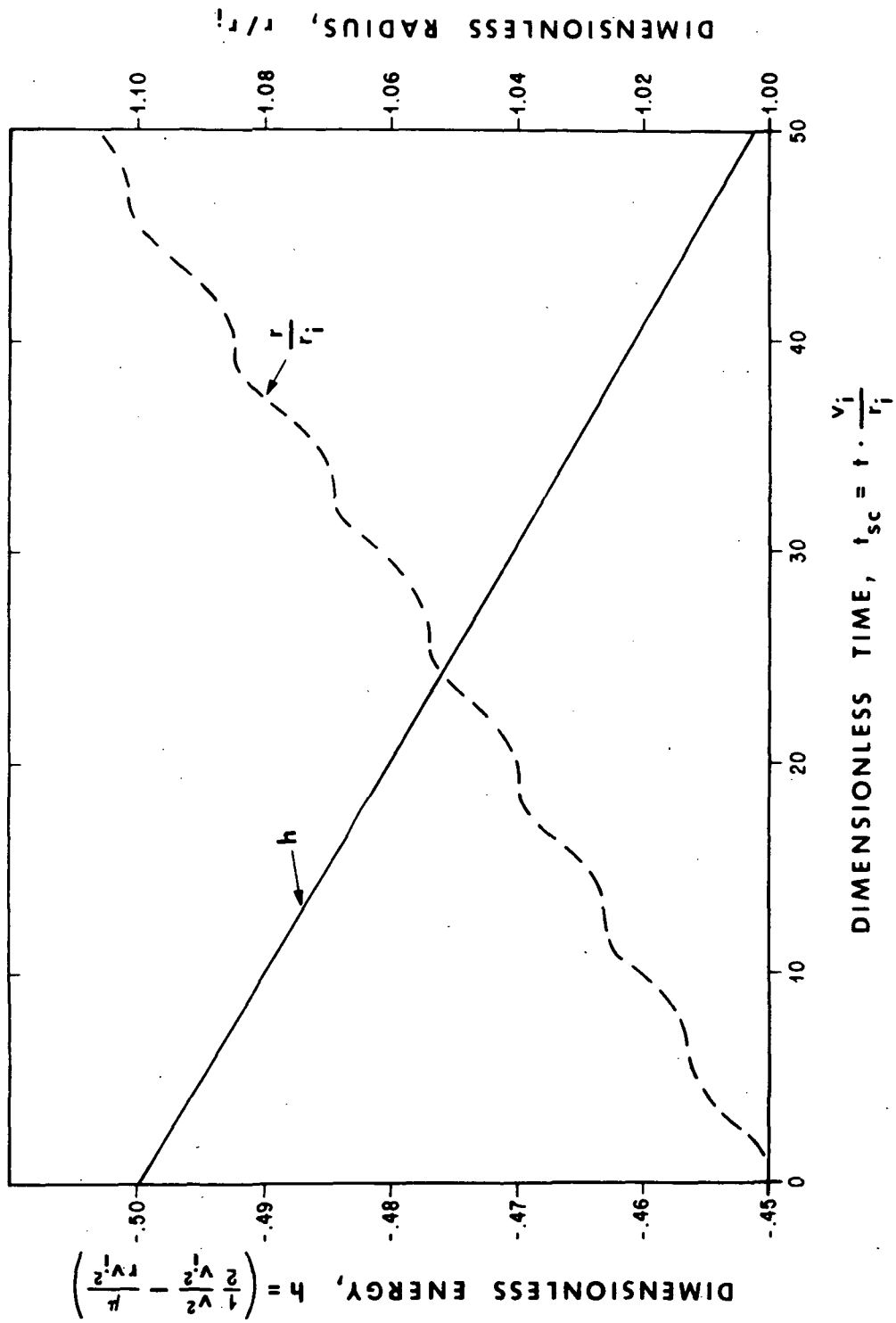


Figure 1. Radius and energy behavior for the first seven orbits with  $\epsilon = 0.001$ .

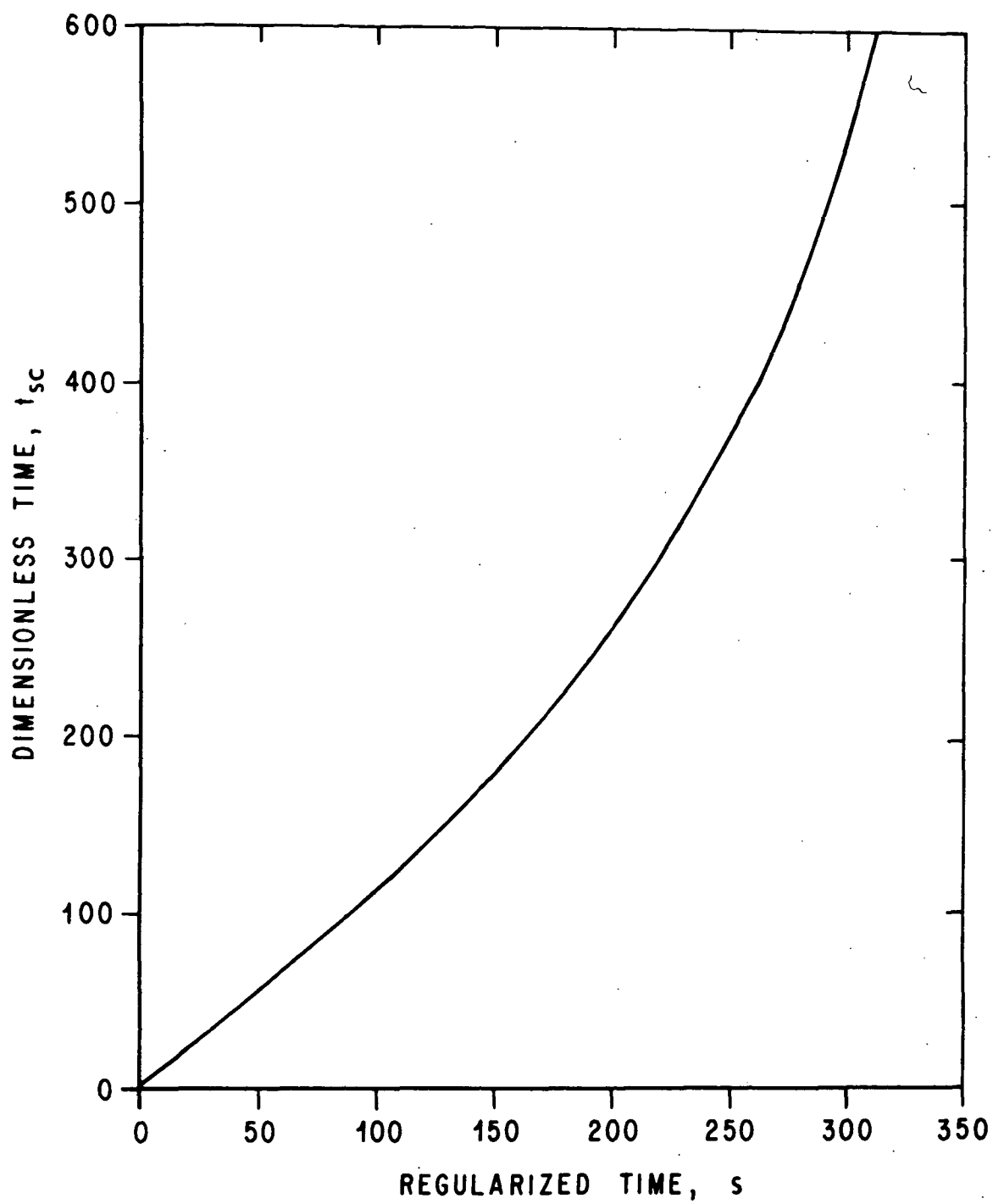


Figure 2. Dimensionless time versus regularized time for  $\epsilon = 0.001$ .

## B. Solution Limitations

The low thrust solution derived has a singularity at

$$\tau_{\epsilon} = \frac{1}{3} \quad (90)$$

This value corresponds to the escape condition,

$$h = 0 \quad (91)$$

and leads to

$$r(\tau_{\epsilon} = \frac{1}{3}) \rightarrow \infty \quad (92)$$

which corresponds to the Keplerian solution for the equations of motion without thrust. This solution is, however, physically unacceptable; consequently, the solution presented is valid for energy levels less than zero only. Near escape, the thrusting acceleration and the gravity acceleration terms are of the same order of magnitude, and the motion ceases to possess two characteristic time scales. This changing in motion characteristics is because of the failure of the expansion presented which implies the assumption of the dominance of the gravity force. A complete solution of the singular escape problem would require the matching of the solution presented with an expansion of a different type in the vicinity of escape conditions.

In addition, the expansion presented assumes that the component of the velocity in the radius direction  $u$  is small in comparison to the component in the circumferential direction  $v$ . Again, near escape, this condition is not fulfilled, and the expansion solution fails to describe the trajectory.

## C. Numerical Comparisons

To check the validity of the second order two-variable expansion, a comparison with numerically generated trajectories with different  $\epsilon$ -values was made. The terminal energy was always chosen as  $h_f = 0$  to explore the accuracy limits of the solution derived for each  $\epsilon$ -value. In general, the accuracy of the solution increases with decreasing  $\epsilon$ -values. In other words, for a prespecified accuracy, the validity range of the approximation will be extended in the direction of escape conditions with decreasing  $\epsilon$ -values.

Because of the high accuracy up to a certain energy level, no difference between both solutions would be noticeable in a diagram (such as Figures 1 and 2) showing a comparison of the analytic approximation with the numerically calculated trajectory. To make accuracy and limitations of the two-variable expansion solutions clear, Figure 3 shows the validity limits for various  $\epsilon$ -values. These limits depend on the accuracy required, expressed in number of significance digits of the most inaccurate variable  $u$ . Figure 3 shows how many digits of the analytic approximation of  $u$  coincide with the numerically generated solution. For the numerical integration, a Runge-Kutta-Fehlberg [7] formula of the seventh order with stepsize control was used.

Figure 4 shows the corresponding numbers of revolutions around the central body. Figures 3 and 4 show that for  $\epsilon \leq 0.001$  the high accuracy of the approximate solution will be kept over the whole inner multirevolution part of the spiral trajectories. The loss of accuracy occurs in the outer part, when the variables change more rapidly. The accuracy in  $\varphi$  and  $t$  corresponds to the accuracy of  $u$ . The accuracy in  $r$  is about 1 to 2, and in  $h$  and  $v$  is about three to four orders of magnitude better than the accuracy of  $u$ .

A numerically generated comparison for the example  $\epsilon = 0.001$  is given in computer printout form in the Appendix.  $s$  is the independent variable;  $x = x(r, \varphi, u, v, h, t)$ , where  $x$  is the numerically generated state vector; and  $y = y(r, \varphi, u, v, h, t)$ , where  $y$  is the approximate solution.

## VI. CONCLUDING REMARKS

An analytical approximate solution is presented for a low-thrust energy increase trajectory whereby a constant acceleration acting in a tangential direction was assumed. The solution was derived using a two-variable expansion method. The solution is shown to be very accurate for values of the disturbing acceleration  $\epsilon \leq 0.001$ . This accuracy holds up to high energy levels, close to escape.

The solution fails to describe the trajectory near escape because the method of derivation of the presented solution assumes the gravity force to be strong in comparison to a small disturbing force. Near escape, thrust and gravity acceleration are of the same order of magnitude. Furthermore, the solution implies that the velocity component in the circumferential direction is large compared to the component in the radius direction — a condition that is not valid near escape.

Even considering those limitations, the solution presented offers a very good simplified problem to gain experience in evaluating an accurate analytical approximation of the optimal low thrust trajectory. The tangential thrust trajectory solution keeps most of the characteristics of the solution for the optimal trajectory. The differences between those appear in the first order terms.

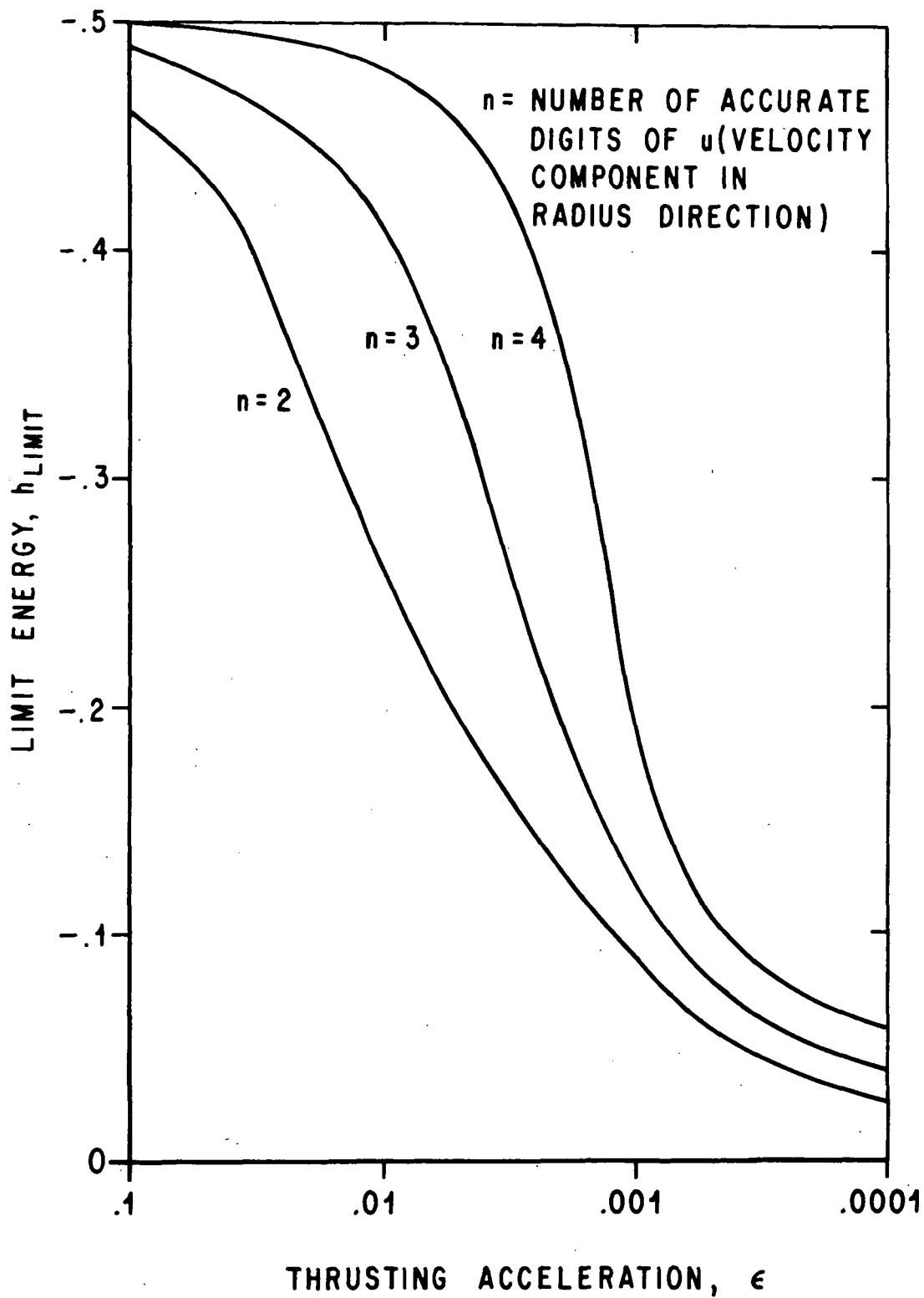


Figure 3. Energy level validity limits of the two-variable expansion solution.



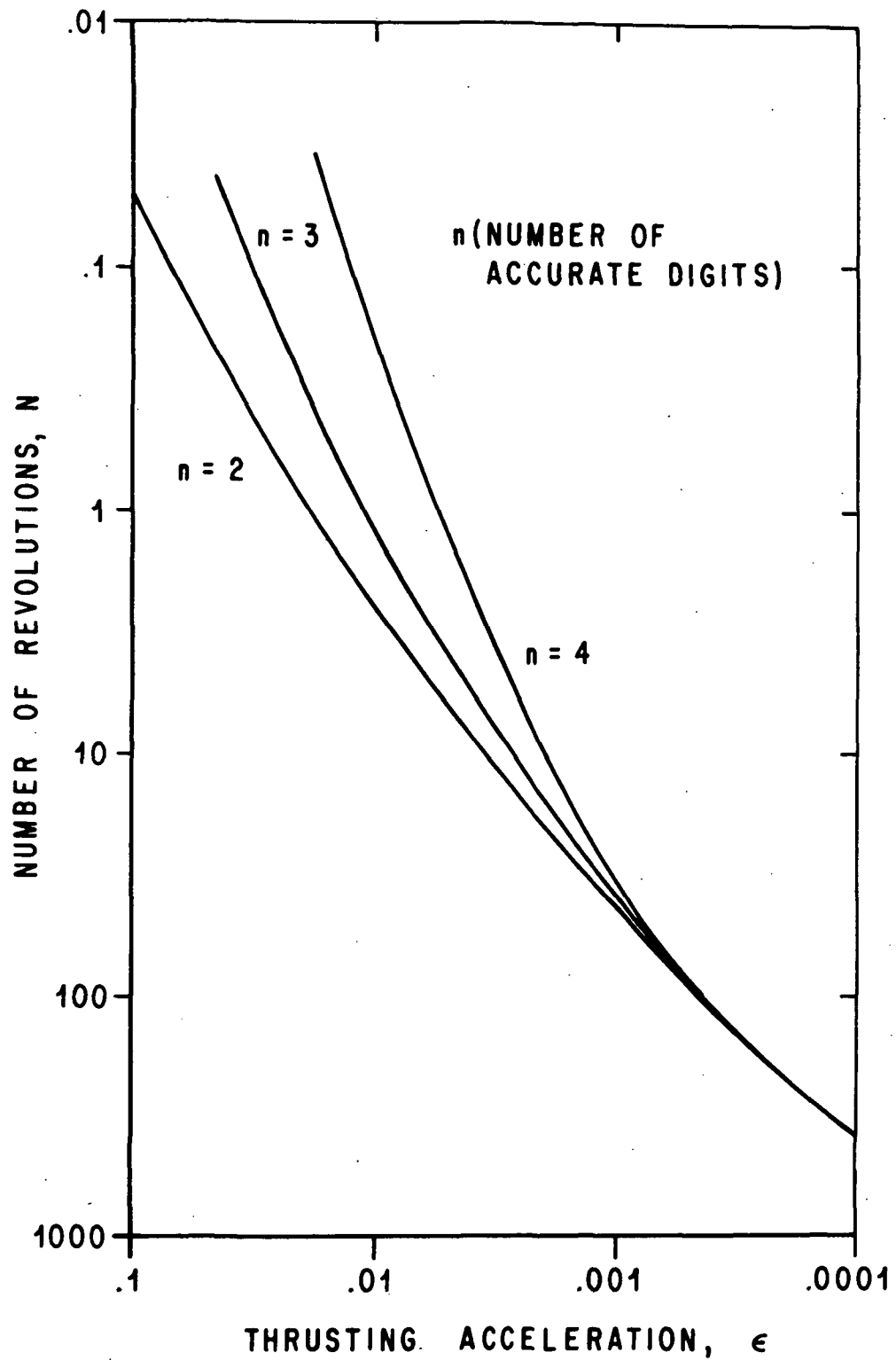


Figure 4. Number of revolution validity limits for the two-variable expansion solution.

**APPENDIX**

**TABULATED COMPARISON OF NUMERICALLY CALCULATED ORBITS  
AND THE TWO-VARIABLE ANALYTICAL  
APPROXIMATED SOLUTION**

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|         | EPS            | .10000000E-01 | BETA          | .00000000E 00  |                 |  |  |               |  |
|---------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--|--|---------------|--|
| S       | .00000000E 00  |               |               |                |                 |  |  |               |  |
| X       | .10000000E 01  | .00000000E 00 | .00000000E 00 | .10000000E 01  | --.50000000E 00 |  |  | .00000000E 00 |  |
| S       | .15000000E 00  |               |               |                |                 |  |  |               |  |
| X       | .10000112E 01  | .15011208E 00 | .22480403E-03 | .10015000E 01  | --.49849887E 00 |  |  | .15000042E 00 |  |
| Y       | .99996783E 00  | .14665871E 00 | .23059216E-03 | .10014995E 01  | --.49849872E 00 |  |  | .15000060E 00 |  |
| S       | .25500000E 01  |               |               |                |                 |  |  |               |  |
| X       | .10408298E 01  | .25540374E 01 | .38283352E-01 | .10260796E 01  | --.47416661E 00 |  |  | .25788933E 01 |  |
| Y       | .10407994E 01  | .24808622E 01 | .38479641E-01 | .10260656E 01  | --.47416075E 00 |  |  | .25805566E 01 |  |
| S       | .89500000E 01  |               |               |                |                 |  |  |               |  |
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| Y       | .12115569E 01  | .85035013E 01 | .45223489E-01 | .11087434E 01  | --.40591638E 00 |  |  | .98613815E 01 |  |
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| X       | .12704590E 02  | .26092464E 02 | .51485160E 01 | .40872541E 01  | .55151462E-01   |  |  | .85692185E 02 |  |
| FT1 < 0 |                |               |               |                |                 |  |  |               |  |
| S       | .34488779E 02  |               |               |                |                 |  |  |               |  |
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| FT1 < 0 |                |               |               |                |                 |  |  |               |  |

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|-----|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|--|
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| Y   | .10547582E 01 | .25879246E 02 | .81856880E-03 | .10276949E 01  | --.47341335E 00 | .26949312E 02 |  |
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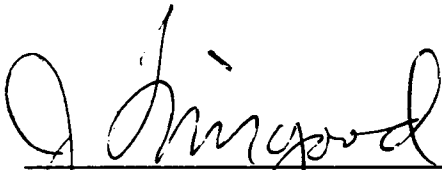
## APPROVAL

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